108TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5360

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 2004 Received

AN ACT

To authorize grants to establish academies for teachers and students of American history and civics, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "American History and
- 3 Civics Education Act of 2004".
- 4 SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIES FOR TEACHING OF
- 5 AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS; CONGRES-
- 6 SIONAL ACADEMIES FOR STUDENTS OF
- 7 AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS.
- 8 (a) Establishment.—The Secretary of Education
- 9 (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") may award
- 10 not more than 12 grants, on a competitive basis—
- 11 (1) to entities to establish Presidential Acad-
- emies for Teaching of American History and Civics
- that may offer workshops for both veteran and new
- teachers of American history and civics; and
- 15 (2) to entities to establish Congressional Acad-
- emies for Students of American History and Civics.
- 17 (b) APPLICATION.—An entity that desires to receive
- 18 a grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application
- 19 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
- 20 taining such information as the Secretary may require.
- 21 (c) Demonstrated Expertise.—The Secretary
- 22 shall require that each entity, to be eligible to receive a
- 23 grant under this section, demonstrate expertise in histor-
- 24 ical methodology or the teaching of history.
- 25 (d) AVAILABLE FUNDS.—To carry out this section,
- 26 the Secretary may use any funds appropriated for fiscal

- 1 year 2005 or any subsequent fiscal year to carry out part
- 2 D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education
- 3 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7241 et seq.).
- 4 SEC. 3. NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM.
- 5 The Secretary may award grants to the National His-
- 6 tory Day Program for the purpose of continuing and ex-
- 7 panding its activities to promote the study of history and
- 8 improve instruction.

Passed the House of Representatives November 19, 2004.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.